

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Green for indicating that claims 1-8 are allowable. Applicants agree that the cited references of record do not describe or suggest the claimed solid pigment preparation or process thereof.

The rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph are obviated by amendment.

Applicants note, regarding claim 6, a "finish" is commonly referred to in the art and literature as the surface texture of paper, paperboard, cardboard, wood, etc. The specification generally refers to these components at page 18, lines 34-35, in which it is understood that a "finishing system" is a method/procedure of providing the surface texture.

Regarding claim 7, Applicants note that a "color-mixing system" is commonly understood in the art as method/procedure for combining different pigments, i.e., the mixing of color components. See present specification at page 19, lines 3-7.

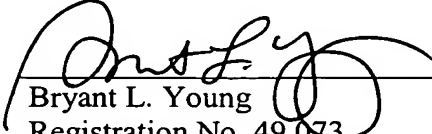
Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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